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SUBJECT: 2003-2004 SRI LANKA FULBRIGHT JUNIOR SCHOLAR PROGRAM

1. THE UNITED STATES - SRI LANKA FULBRIGHT COMMISSION (US-SLFC) RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 120 APPLICATIONS IN RESPONSE TO ITS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SUBJECT AWARDS PROGRAM. AFTER A PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW OF ALL ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES BY THE COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON STUDY AND TRAINING, A SHORT LIST OF 19 CANDIDATES WAS PRESENTED TO THE US-SLFC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FINAL INTERVIEW ON OCTOBER 16, 2002.

2. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOUND THE 19 FINALISTS TO BE AN EXCEPTIONAL GROUP OF CANDIDATES AND SELECTED SIX INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW, FOR FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN THE JUNIOR SCHOLAR FULBRIGHT AWARDS PROGRAM. AS PER LAST YEAR, THE BOARD FOUND EACH OF THESE NOMINEES WORTHY OF A FULBRIGHT AWARD. HOWEVER, DUE TO LIMITED FUNDS THE BOARD SELECTED THREE PRINCIPAL AND THREE ALTERNATE NOMINEES.

3. GIVEN BELOW IS A RANK-ORDER LISTING OF THE SLATE OF SIX RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES FOR THE 2003-04 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR SCHOLAR PROGRAM.

4. PRINCIPAL NOMINEES:

A. THE TOP-RANKED PRINCIPAL NOMINEE ON THE PANEL OF SIX, MS. NAAZIMA "KAMARDEEN" GRADUATED WITH A SECOND CLASS UPPER DIVISION PASS AT THE LLB. DEGREE FROM THE FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, IN JULY 2001. KAMARDEEN ALSO OBTAINED A FIRST CLASS PASS AT THE ATTORNEY-AT-LAW EXAMINATION FROM THE SRI LANKA LAW COLLEGE IN DECEMBER 2002. SHE WAS AWARDED THE WALTER AND JUDITH PINTO

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AND GOLD MEDAL BY THE FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO. SHE PURSUED HER STUDIES IN SPEECH AND DRAMA AND HAS OBTAINED THE LICENTIATE OF THE TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON. CURRENTLY, KAMARDEEN IS A LECTURER AT THE FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, AND A RESEARCH ASSISTANT AT THE LAW AND SOCIETY TRUST - A NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION SPECIALIZING IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE. IN HER AREA OF STUDY KAMARDEEN WISHES TO CONCENTRATE ON THE INTERDISCIPLINARY FIELDS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.

B. MR. MIRAK WIJESEKERA "RAHEEM", THE SECOND-RANKED PRINCIPAL NOMINEE ON THE PANEL OF SIX, HAS AN UPPER SECOND CLASS PASS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND HISTORY AT THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. RAHEEM HAS HAD HIS HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION, IN THE ENGLISH MEDIUM, AT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS IN SRI LANKA. RAHEEM'S AREA OF STUDY TOWARDS HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IS CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND NEGOTIATION. HE HAS A SCORE OF 1920 AT THE GRE (GENERAL) EXAM TAKEN IN NOVEMBER 2001. HE HAS CORRESPONDED WITH THE FLETCHER SCHOOL, TUFTS UNIVERSITY.

C. MS. WADDUWA PALLIYA GURUNNANSELAGE DONA JEEVANTHI "SENANAYAKE", THE THIRD-RANKED PRINCIPAL NOMINEE ON THE PANEL OF SIX OBTAINED AN UPPER SECOND CLASS PASS IN CHEMISTRY AT THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA. SENANAYAKE'S MAJOR WAS CHEMISTRY AND MINOR BOTANY. HER FINAL YEAR RESEARCH PROJECT WAS BASED ON THE ANALYSIS OF AN UNANI MEDICINE. SENANAYAKE IS CURRENTLY A DEMONSTRATOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA. SHE PROPOSES TO FOCUS ON THE INTERDISCIPLINARY FIELDS OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY. SENANAYAKE HAS A TOEFL SCORE OF 280 TAKEN IN APRIL 2002 AND PLANS TO SIT THE GRE (GENERAL) IN DECEMBER 2002. SHE HAS A LETTER OF INVITATION FROM TEXAS A AND M UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, COLLEGE STATION TO PURSUE A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY.

ALTERNATE NOMINEES:

D. MRS. DILMINI DUNUWILA LEKA JAYAWICKRAMA "DISSANAYAKE", THE FIRST ALTERNATE AND FOURTH NOMINEE ON THE PANEL OF SIX, IS AN ARCHITECT BY PROFESSION. SHE

OBTAINED A FIRST CLASS AT THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA IN 1998 AND 2001 RESPECTIVELY. SHE WAS AWARDED THE GEOFFREY BAWA AND THE PROFESSOR K.R.S. PERIS DESIGN AWARDS AT THE M.SC. EXAMINATION. WHILE DISSANAYAKE'S MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY FOR HER MASTER'S DEGREE IS ARCHITECTURE, SHE PLANS TO EXPAND ON HER MASTER'S ARCHITECTURE DISSERTATION AND CONTINUE HER RESEARCH ON A GLOBAL LEVEL ON THE ESSENCE OF MATERIALS AND THE SPIRIT OF PLACE IN RELATION TO ARCHITECTURE. DISSANAYAKE WAS AWARDED THE GOLD AND BRONZE MEDALS IN THE ALL ISLAND SWIMMING MEETS IN 1991 AND 1992. SHE PLANS TO TAKE HER TOEFL IN DECEMBER 2002.

1E. MR. RUWAN DARSHANA "RANAWEEERA", THE SECOND ALTERNATE AND FIFTH NOMINEE ON THE PANEL OF SIX IS A LECTURER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA. RANAWEEERA IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE ADMINSTRATIVE DUTIES OF THE FACULTY AND IS THE MASTER-IN-CHARGE OF THE ELECTRONICS AND MEASUREMENTS LABORATIES IN THE DEPARTMENT. RANAWEEERA OBTAINED AN UPER SECOND CLASS PASS AT THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE ENGINEERING EXAM IN 2001. IN 1997 HE WAS AWARDED THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE BEST PERFORMANCE. FOR HIS MASTER'S DEGREE, RANAWEEERA PROPOSES TO STUDY BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING. HIS MAJOR INTEREST BEING IN COMPUTER-BRAIN INTERFACING TO STUDY THE BRAIN WAVES AND PROCESS THEM TO EXTRACT SIGNALS CORRESPONDING TO EACH RESPONSE, THEREBY UTILIZING THIS KNOWLEDGE TO CONTROL ARTIFICIAL LIMBS. RANAWEEERA'S SEPTEMBER 2002 TOEFL SCORE IS 267.

1F. MS. NADIKA DEEPANI "SENADHEERA" IS THE THIRD ALTERNATE AND SIXTH NOMINEE ON THE PANEL OF SIX. SENADHEERA OBTAINED AN UPPER SECOND CLASS PASS IN GEOGRAPHY AT THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO. SENADHEERA IS A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) SPECIALIST ATTACHED ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR NEEDY ORGANIZATIONS AT THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAM BASED IN SRI LANKA. SHE PROPOSES TO PURSUE HER STUDIES IN GIS AND REMOTE SENSORS AT THE MASTER'S DEGREE.

15. ALL NOMINEES WHO HAVE NOT TAKEN THE TOEFL AND GRE EXAMINATIONS WILL USE THE FEE VOUCHERS SENT BY IIE AND COMPLETE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED EXAMINATIONS BY THE END OF 12002. DULY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS OF THE 2003-04 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR SCHOLAR NOMINEES WILL BE SENT TO REACH IIE BY NOVEMBER 15, 2002. REGARDS. WILLS